

Merchants Hope Church
Near Prince George
Prince George County
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MERCHANTS HOPE CHURCH
Prince George County, Virginia

Owner: Episcopal Church

Date of erection: Early eighteenth century

Present condition: Fair

Description:

Merchants Hope seems to be one of the earliest of the eighteenth-century Virginia churches and was perhaps built as early as Bruton Church (1715) at Williamsburg. The building is a simple rectangle, constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond. It has a steep gable roof with a pronounced splay at the eaves. Centered on the entrance front is a simple arched doorway with paneled doors and tympanum. In the gable is a small window. The side elevations are five bays long with four windows and door one bay from the right, or east. The windows are all arched. The interior has lost all of its original woodwork except the railing of the western gallery, which retains balusters of a very early character.

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